



Community Meeting September 12, 2012



Introductions





Greater City Objective

**Identify and Name
Neighborhood
Communities**

**Develop Policies for
City Interaction with
Civic Neighborhood
Associations**

**Opportunity to
Voluntarily Form
City-Recognized Civic
Neighborhood
Associations**



Agenda

- 1. Why Define Neighborhood Communities?**
- 2. Why Civic Neighborhood Associations?**
- 3. Name Your Neighborhood Input Process**
- 4. City Neighborhood Community Map Review and Comment**
- 5. Next Steps**



1. Why Define Neighborhood Communities?



Why Define Neighborhood Communities?

Neighborhoods create a sense of place and provide a historical context for the area and the City at large.

Defining neighborhood communities adds value with or without civic neighborhood associations





Why Define Neighborhood Communities?

What is a neighborhood....

- Your street?
- Your subdivision?
- Your network of friends or social contacts?
- A homeowners or improvement association?
- An elementary school attendance area?

Everyone in this room would probably define their neighborhood differently!



Why Define Neighborhood Communities?

A neighborhood community is generally larger than:

- A few streets or blocks
- A subdivision
- A homeowners or improvement association
- A historic area
- A condo association
- A person's network of neighborhood friends or contacts
- Some existing neighborhood associations

But generally smaller than...

- An elementary school attendance area
- A precinct
- A walking shed



Think larger than who
you invite to a
backyard BBQ ...



A neighborhood community should
cover the geographic area where you
(and your neighbors) want to have
input due to shared interests.



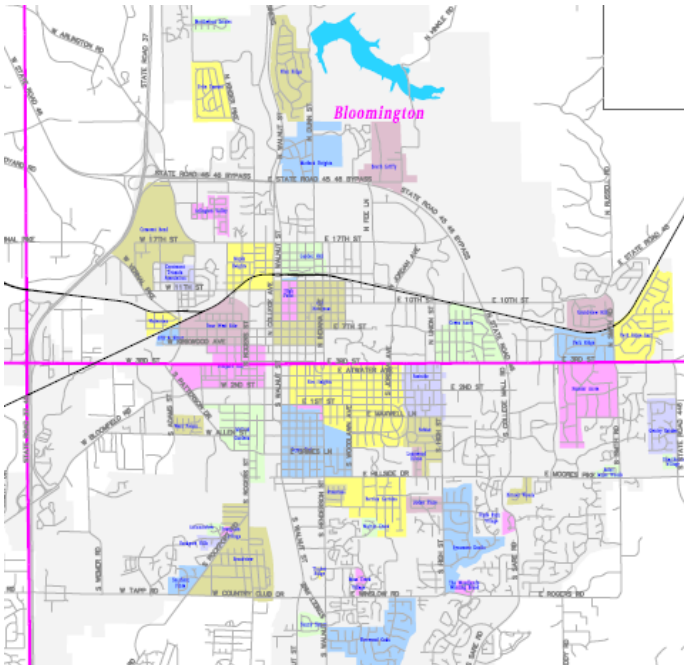
General Criteria for Neighborhood Communities

- Common interests in a geographic area
- Size/viability
- Natural boundaries
- Roadways
- Access
- Current neighborhood associations
- History
- Distinct features
- No orphan areas

A key goal was to be inclusive versus exclusive.

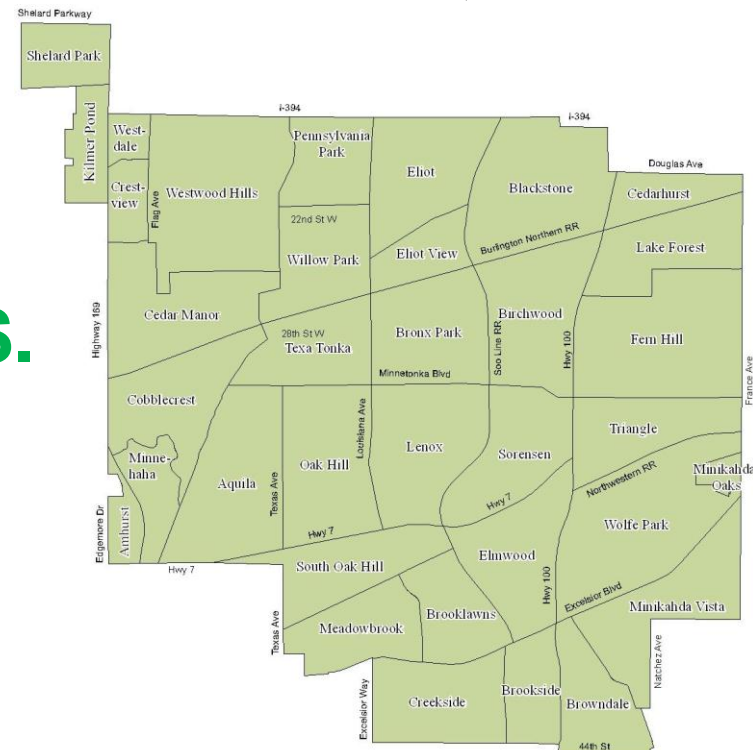
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Bloomington, IN



VS.

St. Louis Park, MN



Everyone is part of a neighborhood community!



Why Define Neighborhood Communities

Another important reason to define neighborhood communities is to support the voluntary formation of **Civic Neighborhood Associations**.



2. Why Civic Neighborhood Associations?



Why Civic Neighborhood Associations?



Civic Neighborhood Associations are residents and property owners working together to make the neighborhood a better place to live, learn, play, raise a family and do business.

By promoting civic neighborhood associations, the City is building civic infrastructure and promoting community engagement.



Why Form or Join a Civic Neighborhood Association?



Civic Neighborhood Associations Foster Communication by...

- Distributing information so that residents can make informed decisions.
- Allowing two way communication between neighborhood and City government
- Creating smaller venues for interaction

What Can Civic Neighborhood Associations Do?



In addition to the traditional public input process, the City will look to civic neighborhood associations to provide input on:

- Long term area plans
- Requests for zoning changes
- Street redesign or reconstruction
- Park design or reconstruction





Why Form or Join a Civic Neighborhood Association?



Civic neighborhood association communicates resident ideas and concerns to City



City asks civic neighborhood association to communicate need for input or assistance on an area issue or project





Why Form or Join a Civic Neighborhood Association?

Civic Neighborhood Associations Build Community through Cooperative Action by...

- Organizing volunteer projects based on community interests.
- Supporting other City programs such as adopt-a-park, neighborhood watch and night to unite.
- Promoting social activities
- Working to ensure neighborhood safety and security





What Would be Required to Form an Civic Neighborhood Association?

Likely requirements include:

- Organizing meeting(s) to vote on formation, officers and bylaws
- Bylaws that include:
 - Membership is open to residents and businesses in the neighborhood
 - Officer roles
 - Voting procedures
 - Publicly-noticed annual meetings
 - Non-discrimination clause

Specific requirements will be defined when the recognition program launches in early 2013



What Won't Happen with Civic Neighborhood Associations?

- No one will be forced to form or join a civic neighborhood association
- No one will be forced to pay dues to belong to an association
- Civic neighborhood associations will not be delegated tasks by the City
 - Each association will determine its own agenda and priorities
 - The City will offer the opportunity to provide input on neighborhood projects



What Won't Happen with Civic Neighborhood Associations?

Civic neighborhood associations will not take the place of the public input process for City decisions

- Civic neighborhood associations will not be assumed to speak on behalf of all residents or property owners.
- Individuals are still encouraged to present their own viewpoint

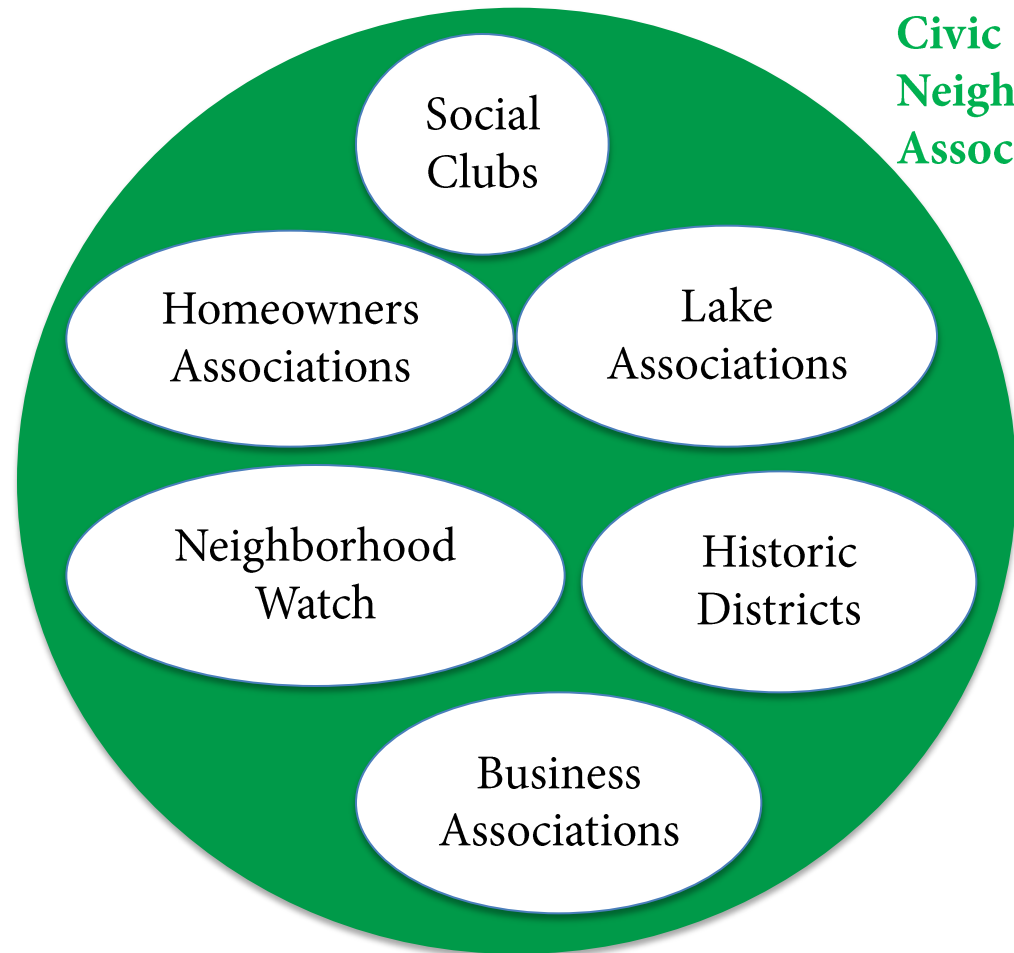




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Civic Neighborhood Associations won't take the place of existing groups.

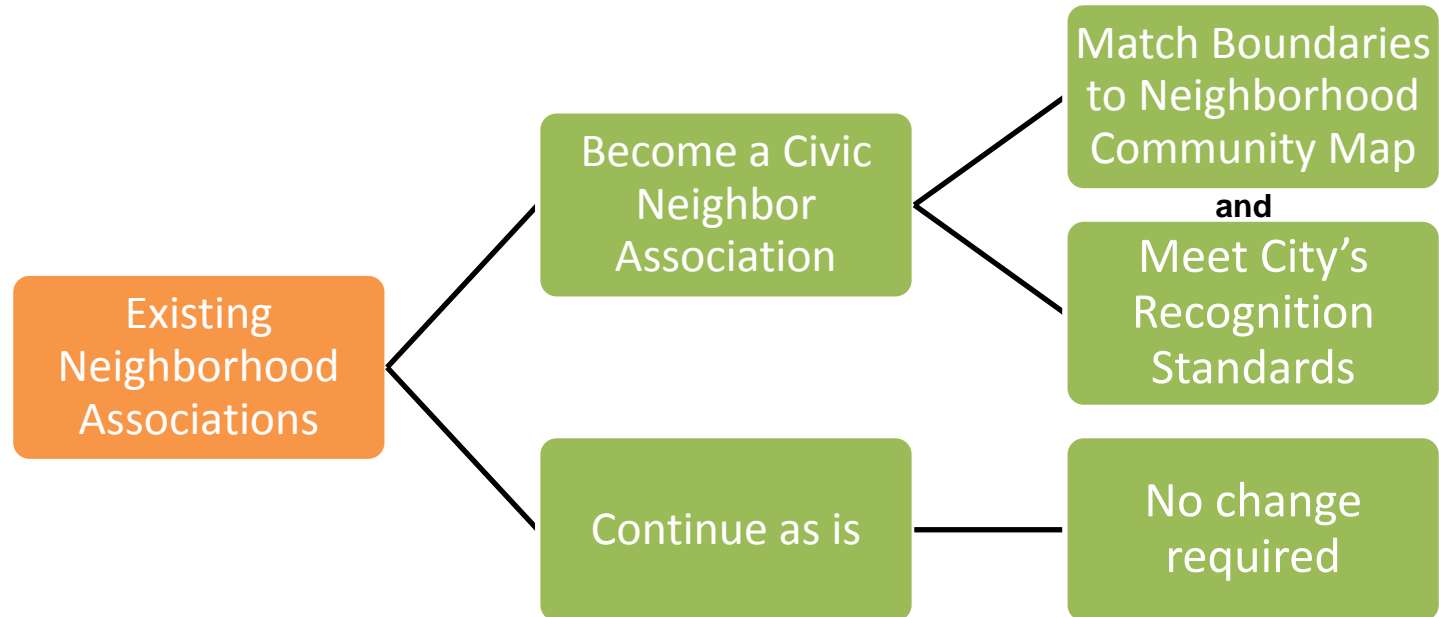
Civic associations can successfully coexist with other groups or designations within the geographic area



**Civic
Neighborhood
Associations**



What Won't Happen with Civic Neighborhood Associations?



Existing neighborhood associations have the option of becoming a civic association or remaining as they are today.



What Won't Happen with Civic Neighborhood Associations?

Civic Neighborhood Associations will not have the legal standing of a Homeowners Association

Neighborhood Associations:

- Membership is open to all residents and property owners in neighborhoods but participation is voluntary.
- Dues, if any, are voluntary
- No legal authority to enact or enforce maintenance or design requirements
- Democratic process with established bylaws.

Homeowners Associations:

- Membership is mandatory within a development
- Usually mandatory dues are charged
- Have legal authority to enact and enforce maintenance and design requirements
- Formed as corporations with formal bylaws and governing board.



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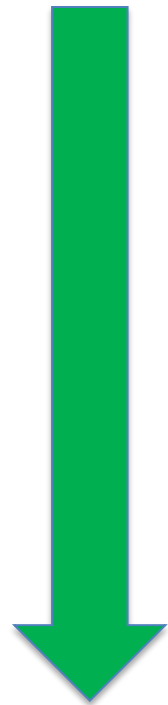
With regard to neighborhood community boundaries and names:

- Design citizen input process for review by City Council
- Facilitate citizen input process
- Based on input, make city-wide recommendations with respect to boundaries and names

Recommendations to be completed by the end of 2012 for City Council consideration in early 2013.



Name Your Neighborhood Project Steps



Written Survey

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December, 2012



Data Sources





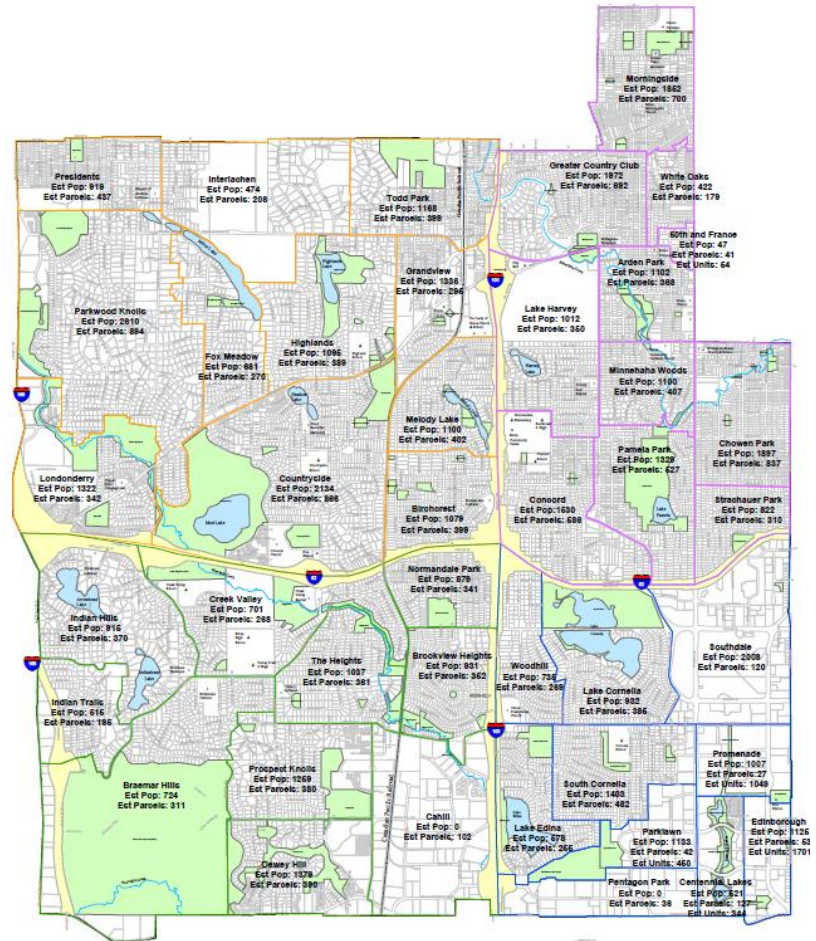
4. City Neighborhood Community Map Review and Comment



Quadrant Map Overviews

Committee Quadrant Representatives will give a brief overview of each proposed quadrant map

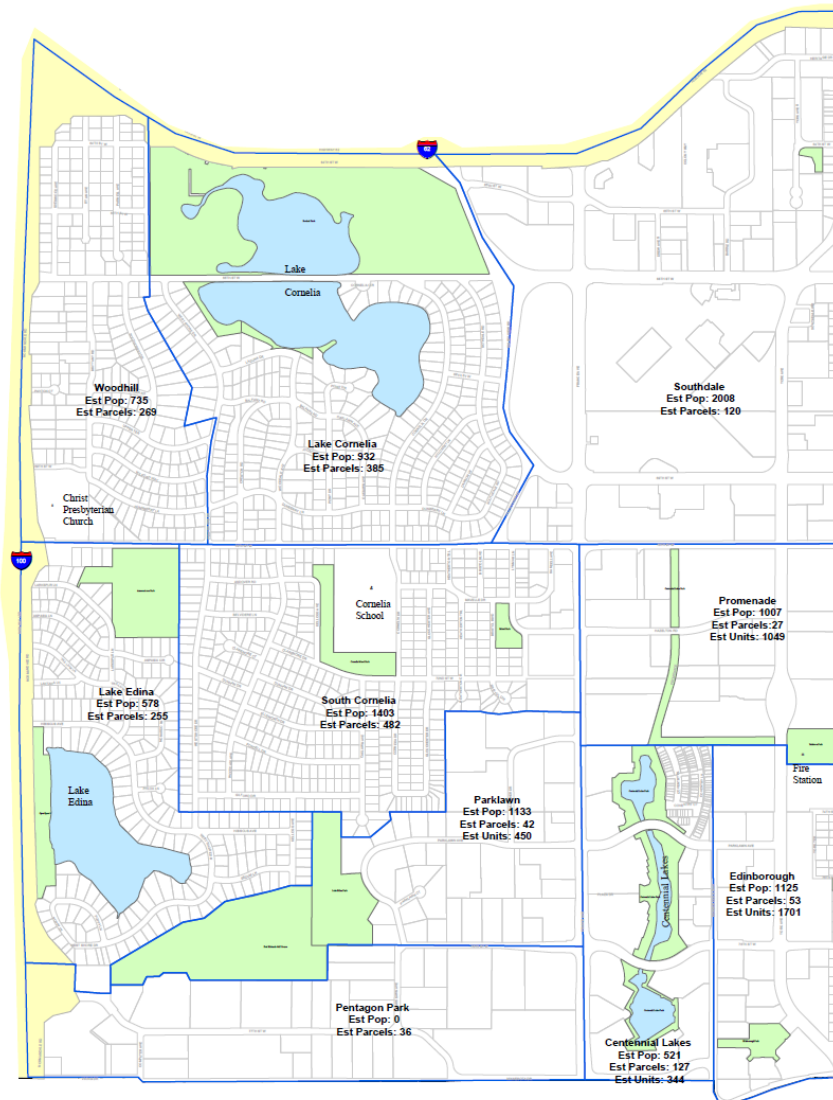
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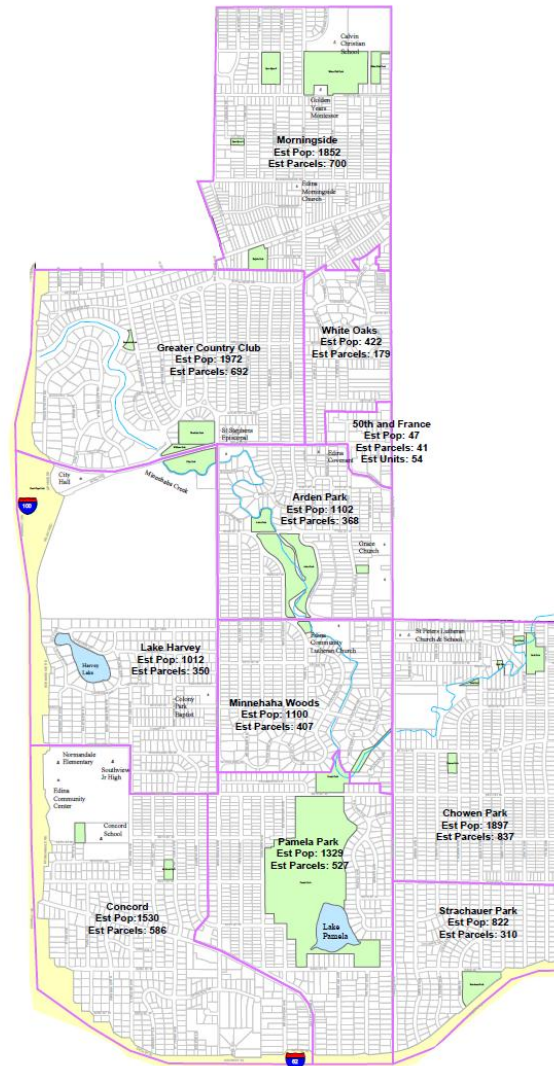
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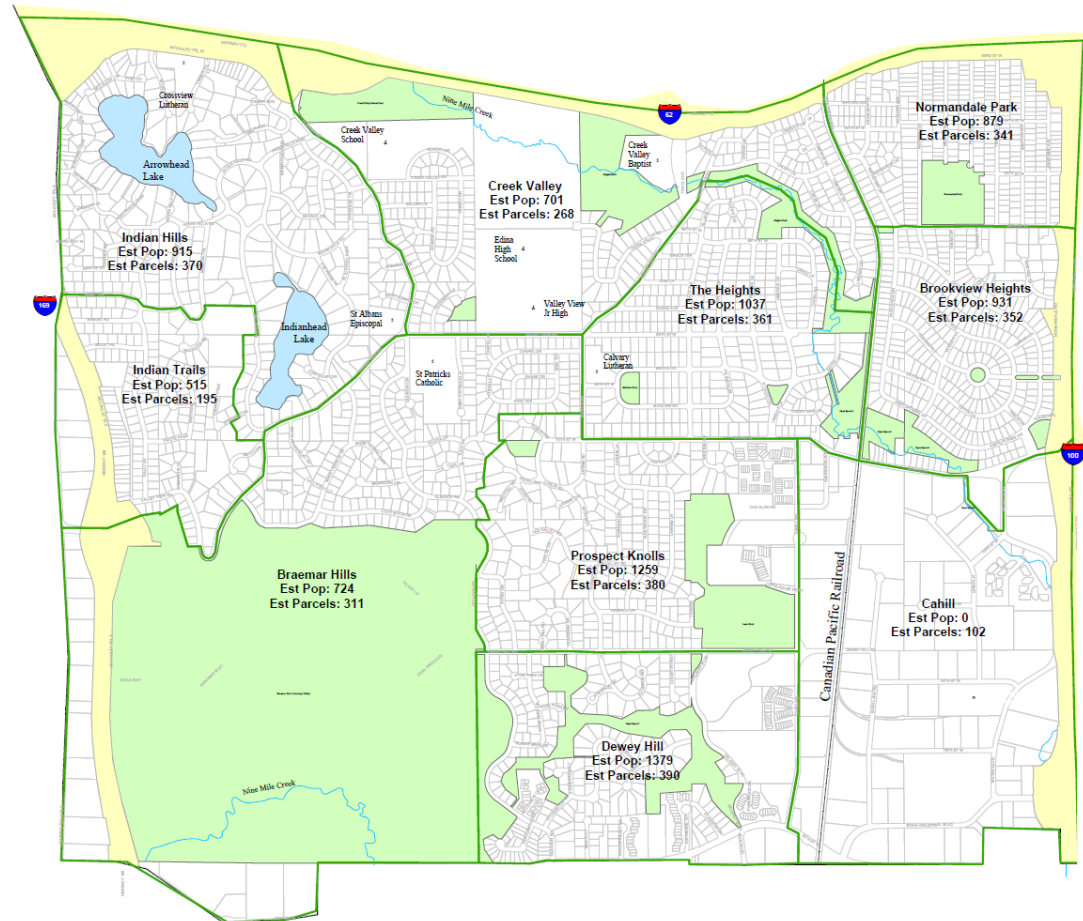
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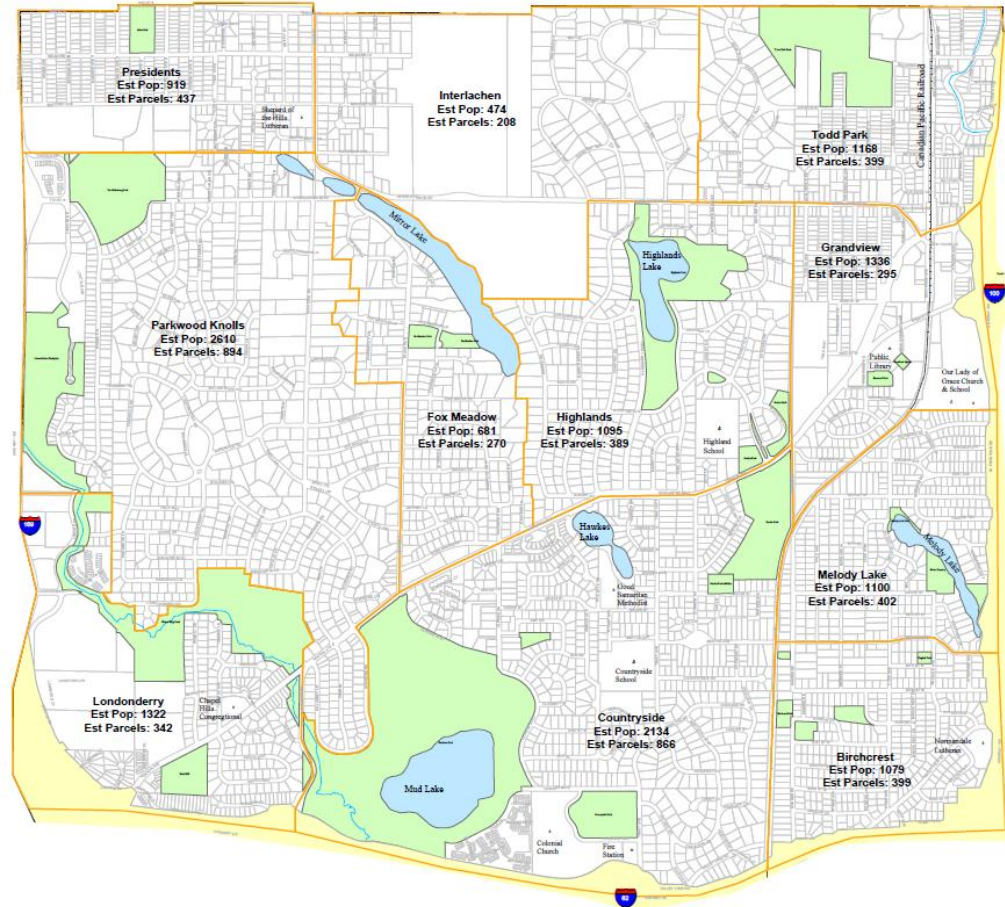
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Review and Comments for this evening–

Purpose: Gather feedback on proposed city-wide neighborhood map for review by the committee for final report

Audience comments:

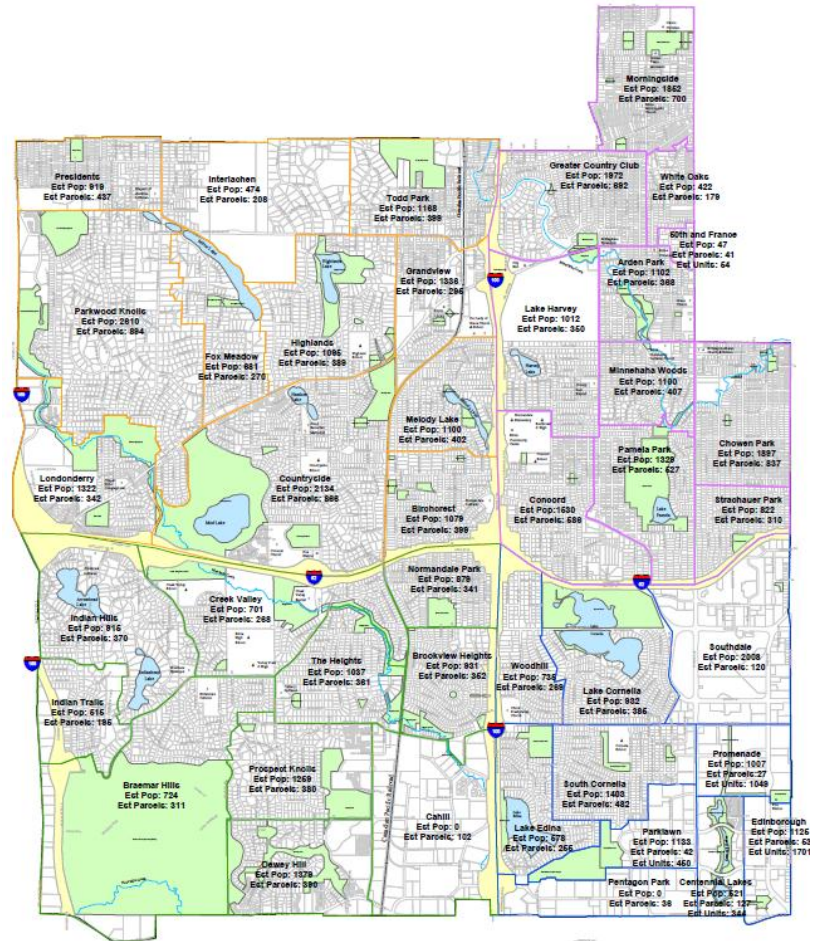
- State name and address
- Identify quadrant you live in (if applicable)
- Identify quadrant you are commenting on
- 1 minute maximum; everyone needs a chance to comment!
- If you are unable or uncomfortable making a verbal comment this evening, please complete a comment card and turn in prior to leaving. All verbal, written and online comments will be part of the report to the Council.



Quadrant Map Summary

We are listening!

Committee Quadrant Representatives will briefly summarize themes from the evenings comments.

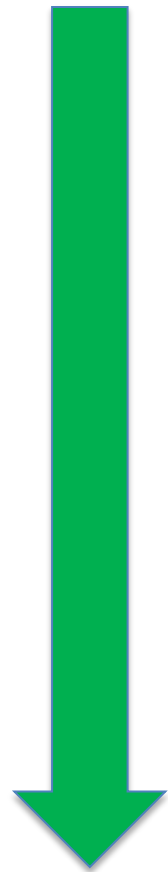




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City Council Consideration of Recommendations

January 2013



Spread the Word!



Residents can continue to share their feedback through mid-October by:

- Visiting Speak Up, Edina! at www.EdinaMN.gov
- Emailing edinamail@EdinaMN.gov
- Completing a comment card at City Hall



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Thanks for Participating!